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IMMOBILIA SANCTORUM FESTA,

CUM IN

Ecclesia Anglicana,

TUM

Etiam alibi, per totum Annum observata :

OR THE

IMMOVEABLE FEASTS or HOLY-DAYS,

Which are observed both in the Church of *England*, and
elsewhere, throughout the whole Year;

Described briefly in

LATINE VERSE,

After the Order of the Months and Days on which they
happen: To the End, that they may be known readily,
and found at the first View, upon any Occasion.

ALSO

An ENGLISH TRANSLATION of the
Latine Account in Verse, is here Subjoined, for the Use
of those who understand not the *Latine* Tongue.

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GENEROSISSIMO, DIGNISSIMO
& ORNATISSIMO DOMINO,

GEORGIO LOCKHART

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CARNWATH,

MÆCENATI suo summopere colendo.

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RECOGITANTI mihi, cujus, hisce
Scedulis præfigerem Nomen; Tuum,
Vir Clarissime, fæliciter occurrit, per
totam BRITANNIAM Celebre: Qua-
propter Beneficiæ Tuæ memor; dignum
æquumque Duxi, hoc qualequale, Tibi Fau-
tori meo Munifico, in grati Animi Tesseram,
Parvulum opusculum dicare: Tua fretus boni-
tate, Illud Te haud ægre accepturum. Quod
quidem humillime offert,

Servus Tuus Devotissimus,

R O. SKENE.

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Utque ad manum primoque intuitu habeantur,
ordine Mensium, Dierumque quibus
contingunt, Carmine Latino curtim descripta.

*Una cum Anglica Versione fini adjecta, in eorum
gratiam qui Latine nesciunt.*

LECTORI BENEVOLO S.

*Festorum in Tabulis videas hæc Festa notata ;
Inspice si libeat, tibi si Liturgia Cordi.*

Januarii primo Die, Circumcisio Christi.

PINCIPIO Jani fit Circumcisio Christi ;
Quam subiit, nos ut pretioso Sanguine purget :
Justitiamque omnem, subeundo hæc Vulnera, præstet.

Januarii vi. Epiphania, seu Christus Gentibus revelatus.

Sexto ejus sidus mirum deduxit ab Ortu
Ecce Magos, Christum Dominum lætentem ut adorent ;
Cui viso cultum tribuunt & Munera reddunt :
Estque revelatus cito Christus Gentibus olim.

Januarii xxv. Conversio Sancti Pauli.

Bis Deno & Quinto Paulus conversus ab alto
Est Cœlo, his Christus dum verbis intonat illi ;

Quid me persequeris? tremefactus commodat aurem
 Voci Coelesti: non calcitrat amplius ille
 Adversum stimulos, facit at quæ mandat Jesus.

Februarii ii. *Præsentatio Christi in Templo, quæ vulgo dicitur*
Purificatio Sanctæ Mariæ Virginis.

Est Virgo *Februi* pia purificata secundo,
 Cum benedicta parens gnatum peperisset Jesum;
 Quem tulit in Templum, Domino illum sistere curans
 Lege ut prescriptum: sic præsentatio Christi
 In Templo, melius quam purificatio Matris
 Dicitur; at Nomen propius tamen obtinet Usus.

Februarii xxiv. *Dies Sancti Matthiæ.*

Festum *Matthiæ* (qui junctus Fratribus illis
 Fidis forte fuit, sedemque capeßere *Juda*
 Jussus) bis Deno & Quarto *Februi* celebratur.

Martii xxv. *Annuntiatio Beate Virginis.*

Martius ornatur Conceptu Virginis almar,
 Quam concepturam prædixerat Angelus ille
 Absque Viro, Virtute Dei verum Omnipotentis:
 Idque die quinto, bis denos addimus illi.

Aprilis xxv. *Dies Sancti Marci.*

Est Evangelii Scriptor memorandus *Aprili*
Marcus, bis deno quintoque die recolendus.

Maii i. *Dies Sancti Philippi & Jacobi.*

Fac cures semper *Maii* celebrare Calendis
 Hos geminos, *Jacobum* una cum fratre *Philippo*.

Junii xi. *Sanctus Barnabas Apostolus.*

Junius undecimo *Barnabæ* Festa celebrat.
 Vir bonus atque fide plenus fuit, huncque replevit

Spiritus

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Spiritus ipse Dei: dictus Solaminis ille
Filius, ac alios solari fuisse omnes.

Junii xxiv. Sanctus Joannes Baptista.
Baptista, prodromi (quem cinxit Scortea Zona)
Bis deno & quarto Natalis commemoratur.
Et super hoc Sancto sunt plurima jure notanda;
Natalis, Victus, Vestitus, Vita gravisque,
Et mores rigidi, dicendi audacia, vultus
Non Hominum metuens, nulli formidine parcens.
Increpat, hortatur, diras pœnasque minatur:
Struxit ita ille viam Domini per Corda Virorum.

Junii xxix. Dies Sancti Petri.
Ultimo, adempto uno, memoramus vincula Petri;
Armatus inter custodes compede victum.
Angelus eripuit, sunt custodesque necati.

Julii xxv. Sanctus Jacobus Apostolus.
Bis deno quintoque die dat Julius ansam
Tunc celebrandi Jacobum atrociter ense peremptum;
Zebedei gnatum: qui præsul Apostolus atque.

Augusti xxiv. Sanctus Bartholomæus Apostolus.
Viginti atque tribus sextilis lucibus actis,
Luce sequente vide celebres tu Bartholomæum.

Septembris xxi. Sanctus Matthæus Apostolus.
Bis deno & primo Septembris Apostolus ille
Matthæus (qui Scriba sacer, fuit ante Coactor
Nummorum invisus, mutavit Gratia Christi
Hunc, Scriptis qui alios in Christi cogit Ovile)
A Grege nunc Sancto celebratur tempore dicto.

Septembris xxix. Sanctus Michael, & omnes Angeli.
Bis deno & nono Michael Coelestis alumnus;

Aulæ Coelestis princeps habitusque Minister,
Hic, simul Angelicæ chori omnes concelebrantur.

Octobris xviii. *Sanctus Lucas Evangelista.*
Quod *Luca* meminit cum Laude Ecclesia Christi
Non temere est; illam Scriptis ditavit abunde.
Corporis hic Medicus primo, sed postea factus
Est Animæ Medicus, cui (par) reverentia detur:
Id decimo ac octavo *Octobris* fitque quotannis.

Octobris xxviii. *Sancti Simon & Judas Apostoli.*
Jamque *Simon* (qti *Zelotes* cognomine dictus)
Cum *Juda* (cujus castigat Epistola pravyos)
Octobris bis deno atque octavo hi memorantur.

Novembris i. *Dies omnium Sanctorum*
Sancti ubicunque omnes Corpus junguntur in unum
Mysticum, id est cujus Christus Dominus Caput & Rex:
Sint sive in Cœlis seu Terris commemorantur
Omnes, quo similes mores & facta sequamur:
Atque Calendis hoc semper fit rite *Novembris*.

Novembris xxx. *Dies Sancti Andrea.*
Clarus Apostolus *Andreas*, Scotisque Patronus,
Accedit, cui jure suum præstamus honorem:
Hoc Festum semper ter deno fitque *Novembris*.

Decembris xxi. *Sanctus Thomas Apostolus.*
Mensis (qui sequitur prædictum) nempe *Decembris*
Bis deno primoque die fit Mentio *Thomæ*,
Qui Dominum Christum dubitans a morte Sepulchri
Surrexisse; prius, digitis vestigia clavum
Quam tractet, laterique manus immitteret, ille
Crederet haudquaquam: voluitque quod, annuit illi
Clementer Dominus, tangendaque vulnera præbens

Ille

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Ille fidem firmat, ne posthac forte vacillet.

Decembris xxv. *Nativitas Domini nostri, seu Dies
Natalis Christi.*

Natalis Domini (natus qui ex Virgine pura,
Ad nos salvandos Terrarum venit in Orbem)
Omnibus a Sanctis (nisi qui sunt Festa perosi,
Nomine sic Sancti) bis dena luce *Decembris*
Et quinta semper celebratur, ovariantibus illis.

Insigne hoc Festum Tria sunt comitantia statim.

Decembris xxvi. *Dies Sancti Stephani.*
Et *Stephanus* primo, Martyr quoque, Sanguine signans
Dogmata dia Dei, de Christo multa locutus;
Queis quia *Judæi* tunc respondere nequibant,
Currunt ad Lapides, quibus obrutus ille cadebat,
Se Domino mandans, scelus hostibus idque remittens:
Hinc est Martyri redimitus (crede) Corona.

Decembris xxvii. *Dies Sancti Joannis Apostoli &
Evangelistæ.*

Proximus est *Stephano*, qui multa Volumina sacra
Scripsit, *Joannes*; dilectus Discipulus, qui
Plenius enarrans Reliquis Christi Deitatem
Clarius & monstrans, Divini nomine gaudet.

Decembris xxviii. *Dies Innocentium.*
Qui sequiturque dies est valde flebilis, illo
Infantes pueri sunt sævo more perempti
In *Bethlehem* illiusque oris, *Herode* jubente:
Dicitur hos plorare *Rachel*, solatia nolens.

*Tres Dies solennes, Libro publicarum precum in fine adjecti,
sunt etiam quotannis observandi: quintæ, scilicet Novem-*

bris, *Dies Conjuratōnis Papalis adversus Regem Regnique
tres Ordines: Trigesimus Januarii, dies Martyrii Caroli
Regis, ejus nominis primi: Vigessimus nonus Maii, dies na-
talis Caroli Secundi, ejusque felicitis in Regna sua reditus:
qui quoque in Calendario notantur.*

Novembris *V.* Conjurat. Pap.

Quam bonus & clemens Dominus Deus atque benignus!
Quamque potens! animi puros famulosque fideles
Sperantes in se, qui protegit atque tuetur.
O quantum immane est Flammis ac Igne perire!
Grande nefas hoc sunt moliti, Mense *Novembri*,
Sanguinolenti hostes, Regi, Stirpi, Ordinibusque
Regni; istudque student Nitrati pulveris ictu
Patrare: Infidias structas patefecit ocellis
Pro Bonitate Deus, rapiens a morte cruenta
Tantum Nobilium numerum: Cui Gloria Soli.

Januarii xxx. Caroli Regis Martyrium.

Martyrium est passus ter deno *Carolus*, ille
Rex pius & justus; nulli virtute secundus:
Progenies ausa est scelus hoc, (heu!) impia *Cora*.
Hoc scelus ipse Deus non nobis imputet unquam.

Maii xxix. Caroli Secundi Natalis & Reditus;

O quam lætificus nonus vigessimus olim!
Quippe Bonos monuit *Carolus* rediisse Secundum,
Cumque illo rediit Domus omnis Regia fauste:
Quæ Domus ut vigeat maneatque in sæcla, precemur.

The foregoing LATINE Lines and Titles of
the FESTIVALS of the CHURCH,
Translated into ENGLISH.

Friendly Reader,

You may see these following Feasts marked in the Tables of the Feasts, and Calendar too; look upon them, and if you have any Liking for the Liturgy, they will be acceptable to you.

On the First Day of January, The Circumcision of Christ.

UPON the First of *January* is solemnized the Circumcision of Christ; which he underwent to cleanse us from our Sins by his precious Blood, and to fulfil every Point of Righteousness required by the Law.

On the 6. of January, The Epiphany.

Upon the 6. Day of *January*, a marvellous Star led the Wise Men from the East to worship Christ the Lord, then upon the Breasts: To whom, when seen by them, they humbly paid Worship and Homage, and presented Gifts. Thus Christ was very soon revealed and manifested to the *Gentiles*.

January 25. The Conversion of St. Paul.

Upon the 25. of *January*, *Paul* was converted from the High Heaven, whence Christ Thundered on him with these vehement and awful Words, *Saul, Saul, Why persecutest thou Me?* Whereupon, being set a trembling, he lent an obedient Ear to the Heavenly Voice: Did not kick any more against the Pricks, but did what *Jesus* enjoyn'd him.

February 2. Day, The Purification of St. Mary the Virgin, or, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Upon the 2. of *February*, the pious Virgin was purify'd, or rather, the Sacrifice for her Purification offered, 40 Days after that blessed Mother had brought forth her holy Son
Jesus;

us; whom she brought into the Temple, to present him the Lord, as it was ordained in the Law of the Lord: Thus this Festival is better and more truly called, *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*, than, *The Purification of his Mother*; yet Use and Custom hath prevailed to have it thus named.

February 24. *Saint Matthias's Day.*

The Feast of *Matthias* (who by Lot fell to be numbred with the Eleven Faithful Apostles, to supply the Room of *Judas*, who by Transgression fell from his Apostleship) is celebrated upon the 24. of *February*.

March 25. Day, *The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

March is adorned by the Conception of the Gracious Virgin, whom the Angel *Gabriel* foretold that she would conceive a Son, not by knowing a Man, but by the Power of Almighty God; and that on the 25. of *March*.

April 25. *Saint Mark's Day.*

Saint Mark, a Writer of the Gospel, comes to be remembered in the Month of *April*, and commemorated upon the 25. Day thereof.

May 1. *Saint Philip and Saint James's Day.*

Take Care always to solemnize the Memory of these Two Brethren Apostles, *Saint Philip* and *Saint James* together, upon the 1. Day of *May*.

June 11. *Saint Barnabas the Apostle.*

June celebrates the Festival and Memory of *Saint Barnabas* on its 11. Day. He was a good Man, full of Faith, and of the Holy Ghost; called, *The Son of Consolation*, and was wont to comfort others.

June 24. *Saint John Baptist.*

The Nativity of the Baptist, Christ's Forerunner, who was girt about with a Leathern Girdle, is commemorated the 24. of *June*. There are many Things remarkable concerning this Saint, his Birth, his Meat or Feeding, his Rayment,

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ment, his grave solitary Life, his austere Manners, his Boldness of Speech, not fearing the Faces of Men, nor sparing any through Fear: He rebukes Vice, exhorteth to Virtue, threatens horrible Punishments to the incorrigible. Thus he paved and prepared the Way of the Lord thro' Men's Hearts.

June 29. *Saint Peter's Day.*

Upon the 29. of *June* we bring to Remembrance, and make Mention of *Saint Peter's* Bonds; how the Angel rescued him out of Prison, lying bound with Fetters and Chains between Armed Men, and his Keepers were slain by *Herod's* Command.

July 25. *Saint James the Apostle.*

Upon the 25. Day, *July* gives Occasion of solemnizing the Memory of *James* the Brother of *John* and Son of *Zebedee*, whom *Herod* cruelly slew with the Sword.

August 24. *Saint Bartholomew the Apostle.*

After 23 Days of *August* are past and gone, then see you celebrate the Festival of *Bartholomew* the Day following.

September 21. *Saint Matthew the Apostle.*

Upon the 21. of *September*, the Apostle *Saint Matthew* (who being a Sacred Writer, was formerly an odious Collector, Receiver of Money, an hated Publican; but the Grace of Christ changed him, and, by the Gospel he wrote, gathers others into Christ's Sheepfold) is by Christ's holy Flock celebrated at the foresaid Time.

September 29. *Saint Michael, and all Angels.*

Michael, that Coelestial Offspring, who also is accounted the principal Minister of the Court of Heaven; he, and all the Angelical Company of Choiristers, are celebrated together, on the 29. of *September*.

October 18. *Saint Luke the Evangelist.*

It is not without Ground that the Church of Christ makes so honourable Mention of *Saint Luke*, for he hath enriched it abundantly with his Sacred Writings, (his Gospel, and the

Acts and Travels of the holy Apostles.) At first he was only a Physician of the Body, but afterwards made a Physician of the Soul: And it is meet that Reverence and Respect be given him, and that is done Yearly on the 18. of October.

October 28. *Saint Simon and Saint Jude.*

Next *Simon*, who is surnamed *Zelotes*, and *Jude*, (whose Epistle sharply chastiseth ungodly Men) these Two are brought in Remembrance on the 28. of October.

November 1. *All-Saints Day.*

The Saints, wheresoever they are, all of them are joined together into that one Mystical Body, whose Head and King is the Lord Jesus Christ; and whether they be in Heaven, or in Earth, they are all remembered together, that we may follow their Example and Doings: And this is always done on the 1. of November.

November 30. *Saint Andrew's Day.*

The Apostle Saint *Andrew*, the Scots Patron, comes next, to whom we give his own due Honour, and this Feast is always kept on the 30. of November.

December 21. *Saint Thomas the Apostle.*

Remembrance is made of Saint *Thomas* on the 21. Day of December: He doubted that Christ was risen from the Grave, and would in nowise believe it, until first he handled and felt with his Fingers the Print of the Nails, and thrust his Hand into his Side: And our Lord mercifully granted him what he desired, for yielding His Wounds in his Hands and Side, to be handled by him; He thereby confirmed that Apostle's Faith, lest afterwards it might waver and stagger.

December 25. *The Nativity of our Lord, or, Christmas-Day.*

The Birth-day of our Lord (who was born of a pure Virgin, and came into the World to save us) is observed and solemnized by all Saints, with great Rejoycing and loud Praises to God on High, (except those who extremely hate

hate Church-Festivals and Festivals, and so are Saints by Name only) And this is always done upon the 25. of December.

There are Three that immediately accompany this excellent, great, and notable Feast of our Lord's Nativity.

December 26. *Saint Stephen's Day.*

The First of them is that of *Saint Stephen*, who was the first Martyr for the Faith of Christ, and sealed the Divine Doctrine with his Blood; he had spoken many Truths concerning Christ and the Coming of that Just and Holy One, of whom the *Jews* had been the Betrayers and Murderers. And because the *Jews* were not able to answer these Things delivered with so much Wisdom, Evidence and Power, they run to Stones, hard-hearted Men, to hard Weapons, and stoned *Stephen*, of which he died, committing himself to the Lord Jesus, and forgiving his Enemies that wicked Fact. Hence he is Adorn'd with a Crown of Martyrdom.

December 27. *Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist's Day.*

Next to *Stephen* is *Saint John*, who hath written many sacred Books; the *Beloved Disciple*, who declaring more fully and clearly, than the other Apostles, the Divinity of Christ, is on that Account peculiarly called, the *Divine*, or *Theologue*.

December 28. *The Innocents Day.*

The Day that followeth *Saint John's* is very lamentable: For, upon it the Innocent Children in *Bethlehem* and Coasts thereof, were slain after a Savage Manner, by the Command of *Herod*. *Rachel* is said to bewail them, and would not be comforted.

[The Three following Solemn Days, added in the End to the Book of Common-Prayer, are also to be Yearly observed, as 'tis noted in the Calendar: To wit, The 5. of November, the Day of the Popish Conspiracy against the King and
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How good, merciful and gracious is the Lord God, and how powerful ! who protects and defends the pure in Heart and faithful Servants, who trust in Him. O ! how great and incredible a Cruelty is it, for Men to perish by Fire and Flames ! Yet bloody Enemies attempted this great and cursed Deed, in *November*, against the King, his Royal Progeny, and Three Estates of the Kingdom, which they endeavoured to accomplish by a terrible Blow, or Blast of Gun-Powder ; but God, for His great Goodness, discovered the Snares that were laid for them, pulling from a cruel Death, so great a Number of Nobles, &c. to whom alone be the Glory of it.

On the 30. of *January* *Charles* the First suffered Martyrdom: That Religious and Just King, inferior to none in Virtue and Goodness. Alas! the impious and rebellious Offspring of *Corah*, dared to commit this insolent and horrid Wickedness: May the Good God never lay it to our Charge.

O how Gladning and Chearing was the 29. of May in Time past! For it put good Men in Mind that their Native King, *Charles* the Second, had returned to his Kingdoms thereon, and with him the whole Royal Family returned prosperously and happily: And let us pray, that this Family may flourish and continue through all Ages of Time.

